



VITACCA BALLET

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT: SHAUNA TYSOR, PR@VITACCADANCE.COM

VITACCA BALLET ANNOUNCES 2023/2024 SEASON: SOWN / WOVEN / ONE

UP/CLOSE Community Series Debut



HOUSTON, TEXAS [August 18, 2023]: Vitacca Ballet's Artistic Director [Kelly Ann Vitacca](#) is pleased to announce the 2023/2024 season. Vitacca Ballet brings five world premieres, plus two unique Houston premieres from choreographers [Garrett Smith](#), [Hélène Simoneau](#), [Robyn Mineko-Williams](#), [Tina Kay Bohnstedt](#), [Sean Aaron Carmon](#), and [Ethan Colangelo](#). Houston's own [Alana Jones](#) (Vitacca alumni) and [Brandi Garza/Ashkan Media](#) will collaborate to co-create a film for dance to premiere in April 2024. Plus, the return of Vitacca Ballet's *The Nutcracker* at The Woodlands Resort and the exciting continuation of Garrett Smith's 2022/23 season work, *Hypnotic Forces*.

SOWN further roots Vitacca Ballet into the Houston arts scene on October 20-21, 2023, at 7:30pm at MATCH. Vitacca Ballet continues to knit its artistic voice this 2023/24 Season within *WOVEN* on February 24, 2024, at 7:00pm at The Charles Bender Performing Arts Center. Along with many audience favorites, the extended creation of *Hypnotic Forces* by Garrett Smith and *Muse* by Artistic Director Kelly Ann Vitacca return to stage.

Patrons are welcomed to be one with our artistic family and process by attending this season's intimate up/CLOSE series and/or post performance events. Keep up with our season events and details at VitaccaBallet.org.



VITACCA BALLET

This season strives to meld patron and artist with a mutual experience on and off the stage to further explore the art of dance and the symbiotic relationship of life and art. Ms. Vitacca comments, "Vitacca Ballet focuses on creating world premiere contemporary ballets that are approachable which bring patron and artist together in a relatable experience. This provides a rebirth of understanding of the art of dance. Our goal is to root our company into the Houston dance community while we grow and mature along with our patron base."

This season brings diverse, artistic minds together with the exciting growth of our company including the return of our beloved company artists, [Maddie Medina](#), [Coltin Snyder](#), [Fiona Dorr](#), [Jordan Hooks](#), [Joshua Ponton](#), , [Elissa Fonesca](#), International Guest [Khen Kurulkar](#) and new company artists [Megumi Nishimori](#), [Aidan Wolf](#), [Nikolas Darrough](#), [Elena Damiani](#), [Ava Dempster](#), [Zephaniah Casey](#), and [Carrington Moser](#).

2023/24 Season: SOWN / WOVEN / ONE

SOWN from October 20-21, 2023 at 7:30pm
MATCH, Matchbox 2 (3400 Main St, Houston, TX 77002)

The Nutcracker from November 24-26, 2023
The Woodlands Resort (2301 N Millbend Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380)
November 24, 2023 at 7pm
November 25, 2023 at 1pm and 6pm
November 26, 2023 at 1pm and 6pm

WOVEN on February 24, 2024 at 7:00pm
Charles Bender Performing Arts Center (611 Higgins Street Humble, TX 77338)

ONE on April 5-7, 2024 at 7:30pm
Venue to be announced

NEW 2023/24 Season: up/CLOSE Series

\$20 suggested donation at the door: a give what you can event!
Location: Vitacca Ballet, 2311 Dunlavy, Houston, TX 77002

up/CLOSE with Choreographer Garrett Smith

Fall

September 15, 2023
7-8:30pm Rehearsal & Casual Q&A
8:30-9:30pm Mix & Mingle



VITACCA BALLET

up/CLOSE with Choreographer Ethan Colangelo

Winter

January 21, 2024

7-8:30pm Rehearsal & Casual Q&A

8:30-9:30pm Mix & Mingle

up/CLOSE with Choreographer Sean Aaron Carmon

Spring

March 22, 2024

7-8:30pm Rehearsal & Casual Q&A

8:30-9:30pm Mix & Mingle

About Vitacca Ballet

Founded in 2020 Vitacca Ballet (VB) is a creation-based repertoire company in the Houston area. As the pandemic brought artists home to Houston, Ms. Vitacca strived to keep artists employed, and the Houston arts scene alive with project-based work. This experience laid the framework for the launch of VB in 2021, which now works diligently to operate a 31-week season and employ local, national, and international artists.

VB has had the honor to work with regional and international choreographers including Tina Kay Bohnstedt, Sean Aaron Carmon, Andrea Dawn Shelley, Garrett Smith, Autumn Eckman and Madison Hicks. VB has been seen on stage within performance and outreach community events such as The Nutcracker, Night at the Ballet, Contemporary Dance Choreography Festival in Florida, Versatility Dance Festival in Utah, Bailindo Dance Festival, ANDIOMO presented by Charles Bender Performing Arts Center, Trees of Hope Gala as 2022 Entertainment Sponsor, LAUNCH at Match Houston, Ventana/VB Austin collaboration, and Red Rock Dance Festival in Utah.

VB is a proud recipient of the Dance Source Houston Groundwork Grant and is proud to be a fiscally sponsored project through [Fractured Atlas](#). This allows tax-deductible donations to be made toward VB's vision and artistic growth.

For more information about Vitacca Ballet, visit www.VitaccaBallet.org.

###